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SUBJECT: CONSULAR COMPETENCE IN THE GDR

REF: ( A ) STATE 103942; ( B ) BERLIN 879; ( C ) BONN 6606;

( D ) BERLIN 694

SUMMARY: AT JUNE 19 TRIPARTITE METING, THE US  
REP REVIEWED DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON CONSULAR COMPETENCE  
IN THE GDR ( REF A ) WITH ALLIED REPS. GENERAL AGREEMENT  
WAS REACHED ON MOST POINTS, WITH MAJOR DISCUSSION  
CONCERNING USE OF SPECIAL DISCLAIMER STAMP ( PARA 3,  
REF A ). UK AND FRENCH REPS WERE WARY OF RECOMMENDING  
GENERAL USE OF STAMP, BUT AGREED IT COULD BE KEPT AS A  
POSSIBLE REACTIONARY MEASURE TO COUNTER GDR POLITICAL  
PROVOCATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE UK AND FRENCH REPS CONFIRMED THAT THEIR GOVERN-  
MENTS COULD ACCEPT THE FIRST TWO RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES  
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( PARA 4 ( A), ( B), REF C). AFTER HEARING THE DEPARTMENT' S VIEWS ON OCCASIONAL USE OF THE SPECIAL DISCLAIMER STAMP, THE UK REP ( CROMARTIE) SAID HE CONTINUED TO HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT IT. HE RETURNED TO EARLIER CONCERNS ( BONN 5484 AND PREVIOUS) HE HAD EXPRESSED ABOUT GDR INTRODUCTION OF OBJECTIONABLE STAMPS INTO ALLIED PASSPORTS IN EAST BERLIN, SAID THAT GDR HAD BEEN RECENTLY ACTING MORE REASONABLY, AND COMMENTED THAT UNPROVOKED USE OF DISCLAIMER STAMPS BY ALLIES WOULD ONLY INCREASE CHANCES OF GDR RETALIATION ALONG THE OBJECTIONABLE LINE EAST GERMANS HAD TAKEN EARLIER. CROMARTIE SAID HE HOPED ALLIES AND GDR WERE NOW MOVING TOWARD MODUS VIVENDI ON SUBJECT WHICH COULD REDUCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR GDR DEROGATION OF STATUS OF BERLIN.

2. THE FRENCH REP SUGGESTED THAT COMPROMISE SOLUTION MIGHT BE TO AUTHORIZE EAST BERLIN EMBASSIES TO KEEP THE DISCLAIMER STAMP FOR USE AS A COUNTER- MEASURE SHOULD GDR AGAIN SEEK TO INTRODUCE OBJECTIONABLE PROCEDURES SUCH AS EARLIER STAMPS GIVEN TO BRITISH. THE US REP SAID SUCH A COMPROMISE MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO HIS AUTHORITIES. CROMARTIE SAID HE WOULD REPORT TO HIS AUTHORITIES, ADDING THAT THE COMPROMISE ALSO SEEMED ACCEPTABLE TO HIM. BELLESCIZE SAID HE WAS INCLINED TO KEEP LAST RECOMMENDATION ( PARA 4 ( C), REF C) AS STATED, SIMPLY ADDING A SENTENCE APPROVING POSSIBLE USE OF DISCLAIMER STAMPS IN THE EVENT OF POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES CAUSED BY THE GDR. THE US AND UK REPS SAID THEY THOUGHT THIS CNAHGE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

3. UK PUBLIC STATEMENT: BELLESCIZE SAID HE AGREED COMPLETELY WITH DEPARTMENT' S COMMENTS ON UK STATEMENT ( PARA 5, REF C). HE SAID THAT HE DOUBTED HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD WISH TO MAKE SUCH A STATEMENT, BUT THAT THEY HAD NO OBJECTION TO BRITISH USE OF IT.

4. BRIEFINGS FOR ALLIES: BELLESCIZE REPORTED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES AGREED WITH THE DEPARTMENT THAT SINCE ALLIES HAVE DEVELOPED NO COMMON LINE, BRIEFINGS FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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INTERESTED ALLIED NATIONS SHOULD BE HELD EITHER IN CAPITALS OR IN BERLIN. CROMARTIE SAID HE THOUGHT THIS APPROACH ACCEPTABLE AND WOULD REPORT ALLIED VIEWS TO LONDON.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE AGREE WITH THE UK VIEW THAT USE OF A " STATUS" STAMP ON CERTAIN VISAS MIGHT LEAD

TO UNWELCOME DIFFICULTIES WITH THE GDR, AND BELIEVE  
THAT MAINTAINING SUCH A STAMP IN " RESERVE" WOULD BE  
A PREFERABLE MEANS OF HANDLING THIS QUESTION.  
DEPARTMENT' S VIEWS REQUESTED.  
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